GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2864
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SEA-SHELL HANDICRAFT ARTISANS
Bhakta Shri Manoranjan

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has introduced various developmental schemes for Handicrafts to supplement the State activities in the Handicraft Sector;

(b) if so, whether Government is aware that Sea-Shell Handicrafts Artisans in Andaman and Nicobar Islands are not allowed to collect the domestic sea-shells from Andaman Sea;

(c) if so, the remedial measures the Government proposes to initiate to encourage the Artisans in the Islands; and

(d) if not, reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): As reported by Andaman & Nicobar Administration, there is a ban on collection of only those species of sea shells which are protected under Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. However, collection of other species of sea shells is regulated under Andaman & Nicobar Islands Marine Fishing Regulations, 2003 and Andaman & Nicobar Islands Marine Fishing Rules, 2004.

(c) & (d): Do not arise.